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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: SAITO, et al.

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For. PASSPORT TRANSACTION APPARATUS, PASSPORT TRANSACTION
METHOD AND PASSPORT TRANSACTIONS SYSTEM

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 16, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1 to 3, 14, 26 to 28, and 33 to read as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A passport transaction apparatus connected to a residents database storing therein identification data of the residents and also connected to a center which executes an examination for issuance of passports through a communication line, said apparatus comprising:

a communication unit for communicating with said center;

an image input unit for inputting an image of the applicant for a passport;

a display unit for displaying a guidance for the procedure for the passport transaction;